health of the town besides rendering ineffectual all other sanitary measures that might be devised by the Committee. Again, proper latrines and urinals in different parts of the town were desiderata at present but they could not be made to serve their purpose without being every day regularly washed, for which a never-failing supply of water was absolutely needed. The Committee had already laid before Government a scheme for bringing in a supply of water from the nearest point in the Karamana river for at least flushing the drains and he requested that Government might be pleased to consider this small scheme and take the necessary action without loss of time.

Reply.—I have also felt that several parts of the town are not as neat and cleanly as they might be and I took occasion to point out this and several other defects to the Committee in reviewing their report for 1081 M. E. The necessity for providing latrines and urinals was also then noted. The Committee have now sent up a number of vital and important suggestions, including scavenging in all parts of the town for which an annual allotment of Rs. 24,000 has been asked for. Here naturally, the question of finance comes in and it is not easy of solution. As regards the proposal to bring down water from the Karamana river for flushing the drains, the Chief Engineer and the Sanitary Commissioner are of opinion that it is not a feasible arrangement. In such cases, it would be well if the Committee besides making suggestions would also recommend the means of finding the requisite funds. If any practical scheme which could be worked at a moderate cost is placed before Government, it will be duly considered. Government are equally anxious to do something in this direction, for it goes without saying that the headquarters of a State should be kept in an excellent and exemplary condition.

NEYYATTINKARA TALUK.

300. Expediting the Kothayar Right Bank channel works.

Mr. Mathevan Kesavan (*Neyyattinkara*) represented that this work, if taken in hand and accomplished, would be of great benefit to the ryots.

Reply.—Orders have been already passed for abandoning the project. The question cannot be re-opened.

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